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FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. BOTH MINISTERS SAWADOGO AND BEDIA HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED ABIDJAN AND WILL NOT BE RETURNING PRIOR TO MID-JULY VISIT NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. WOULD YOU PLEASE THEREFORE CONVEY AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL PRESIDENT KENNETH MUELLER'S REGRETS TO IVORIAN AMBASSADOR AHOUA TO PASS ON TO SAWADOGO.

2. SAWADOGO WILL NOT BE RETURNING ABIDJAN UNTIL END OF JULY. I SHALL HOWEVER DISCUSS QUESTION OF DESIRABILITY OF AGRIBUSINESS VISIT WITH MINISTER OF PLAN DIAWARA THIS MONTH AND ADVISE ON WHETHER PROGRAM SHOULD BE PUT BACK ON TRACK.

3. FYI. IVORY COAST HAS BEGUN TO BE MUCH MORE OF A BUYERS' MARKET. MY PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION, NOT YET TO BE SHARED WITH MUELLER HOWEVER, IS THAT INITIATIVE THEREFORE MUST CONTINUE TO COME FROM AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL, NOT FROM GOIC. END FYI. SMITH

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